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SUBJECT: US RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO  
EMBASSY OF SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, UNDER COVERING  
NOTE, ON MONDAY, JULY 19.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS RECEIVED THE NOTE DATED JUNE 19  
OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC RE-  
PUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

THE UNITED STATES AGREES THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRE-  
SENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IN PARIS WOULD BE APPRO-  
PRIATE AND USEFUL. THE UNITED STATES WOULD EXPECT TO BE  
REPRESENTED AT ANY SUCH MEETING BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF  
MISSION OF ITS EMBASSY IN PARIS, AND SUGGESTS THAT IT BE

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HELD IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY OR AT ANOTHER MUTUALLY AGREED-

UPON SITE.

THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THE ASSURANCES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT THAT IT WILL UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO RELIEVE THE ANXIETY OF THOSE AMERICAN FAMILIES WHOSE RELATIVES HAVE

DIED, OR ARE STILL CONSIDERED MISSING IN VIETNAM. A FULL ACCOUNTING FOR THOSE AMERICANS MISSING-IN-ACTION AND THE RETURN OF THE REMAINS OF THOSE KILLED IS A MATTER OF PRIMARY CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES. RESOLUTION OF THIS BASIC HUMANITARIAN ISSUE WILL BE A FUNDAMENTAL CONSIDERATION OF THE UNITED STATES IN ANY DISCUSSIONS.

THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT IT HAS AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM, AS THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ALLEGES IN ITS NOTE. AS THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE CLEAR MANY TIMES, IT INTENDS TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE RATHER THAN THE PAST AS FAR AS ITS RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM ARE CONCERNED. THE RELATIONS SHOULD DEVELOP ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCAL INTERESTS.

IF THE ABOVE SUGGESTIONS FOR A MEETING ARE SATISFACTORY, THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS AND WORK OUT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE FOR OUR REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET, AS WELL AS PROCEDURES FOR SUCH A MEETING. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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